

# **John Englebrecht Bruns collection**

## **S2515**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Bruns, Paul H.
<b>Creator</b>	Conrad, Larry Allyn, 1935-1990
<b>Title</b>	John Englebrecht Bruns collection
<b>Date</b>	1977
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S2515

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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John Englebrecht Bruns was born in Leer, Germany, on July 3, 1845. When he was ten years old, he became a sailor. In 1859, Bruns immigrated to Freeport, Long Island, New York. JHe worked in the gravel pits of Pennsylvania until 1869 when he became a "drummer" (salesman) for the DuPont Powder Company. Bruns later moved to Indiana and established the Bruns Powder Company to manufacture gunpowder in Terre Haute. He partially owned the Deep Vein Coal Mine Company, located south of the city, which was formed on April 2, 1903 and still operating as of 1977. About 1904, Mr. Bruns moved to Santa Ana, California, for the sake of his wife, Sonia Smith's health. Bruns had a son, Paul H. Bruns.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of eleven letters written to and from Paul H. Bruns between July 27 and August 9, 1977, documenting his efforts to find records on his father, John Englebrecht Bruns, particularly his arrival in the U.S., his activities, and acquisition of citizenship. The letters have information about Paul's mother, Sonora Smith, her father, her sister Adeline, and her brothers, Lyman and James.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Paul H. Bruns on 1977/08/17.

### **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

### **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2016/09/15 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid completed 2016/09/15 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield. EAD finding aid revised 2016/09/30 by Brittany Kropf.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Deep Vein Coal Company (Terre Haute, Ind.).

### **Family Name(s)**

- Bruns family

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

**Geographic Name(s)**

- Freeport (N.Y.)
- Terre Haute (Ind.)

**Personal Name(s)**

- Bruns, John Englebrecht

**Subject(s)**

- Business--United States
- Coal mines and mining
- Explosives
- Family history
- Genealogical research
- Genealogy
- Gunpowder